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Subject: RE: DRA transition ask

Hi Shannon,

Here is a quick list of big picture items from R8

Nutrients

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Legacy Abandoned Mines

Environmental Protection in Indian Country

Tribal Consultation

Oil & Gas

Safe Drinking Water

Solid Waste

Capacity Development

Ozone nonattainment in the intermountain west

Collaborative Environmental Protection (i.e. E-Enterprise)

Uintah and Ouray Federal Implementation Plan

Balancing Mission and Mission Support Portfolios

Enterprise Risk Management – hiring, contracts mgmt., cybersecurity, FOIA/Content mgmt.

Litigation on Regional Haze

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All,

Thanks for your responses to the first transition data call. I will be sending a separate email soon with more detailed information about the process moving forward, but right now, I have a specific request for each of you.

I would like each of you to send me a short list by Friday, September 9 of bigger picture issues that you think the Landing Team members should learn about . These can be things you have already submitted or things that you did not previously include. They can be things that involve solely your region or things that are common in more than one region. Please include the following in your list:

- Major issues that we would expect the Landing Team to ask about;
- Major issues that the Landing Team may not ask about but that you want them to know about; and
- The things that keep you up at night

No need to fill out a spreadsheet or follow a template for this task. Just send me a list of things you personally feel fit this description.

In reviewing the initial list of issues/topics submitted, it seems that most regions did a thorough job of cataloging specific items which may warrant attention or action by the landing team. I think we now have the opportunity to step back and consider which big-picture issues which most warrant their attention. Please be sure to consider any items that have been in the national news over the last year or so, as well as issues that are important but may not have garnered public attention (yet).

For example, issues may include:

- Tribal oil and gas issues
- Drought in the western states

- Mountaintop mining removal
- Harmful algal blooms
- State oversight issues

We will be doing the Landing Team a service by adding issue papers on some bigger picture challenges. I look forward to your thoughts on this. Give me a call if you would like to discuss.

Thanks in advance for your input!

Shannon

Sent from my iPad